

# Climate change mitigation in low-income communities in Colorado: Home weatherization impacts on respiratory health and indoor air quality during wildfires



## Fire Study

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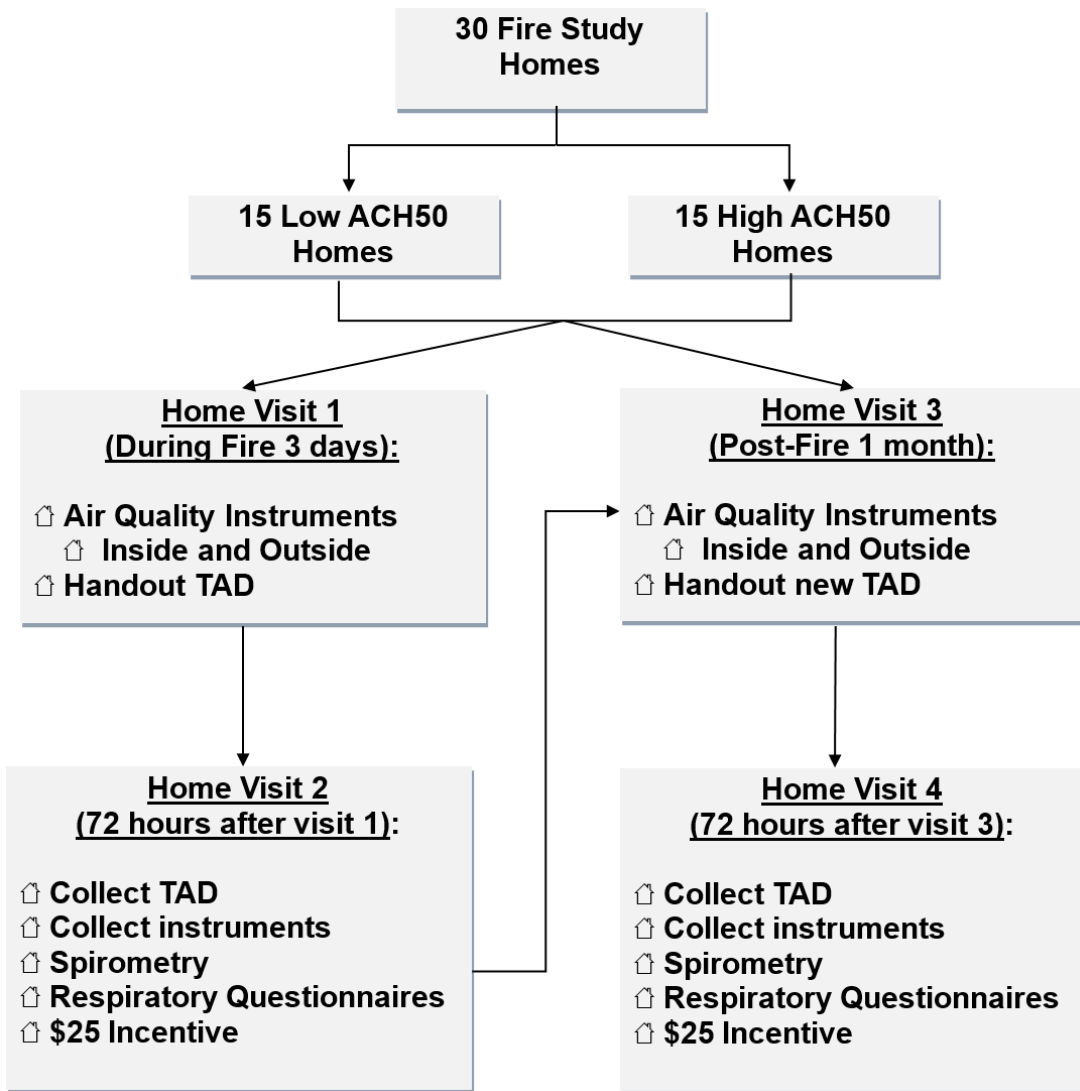
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- Gaseous and particulate concentration logging

- CO
- CO<sub>2</sub>
- HCHO
- PM<sub>2.5</sub>
- O<sub>3</sub>
- Temp
- RH%



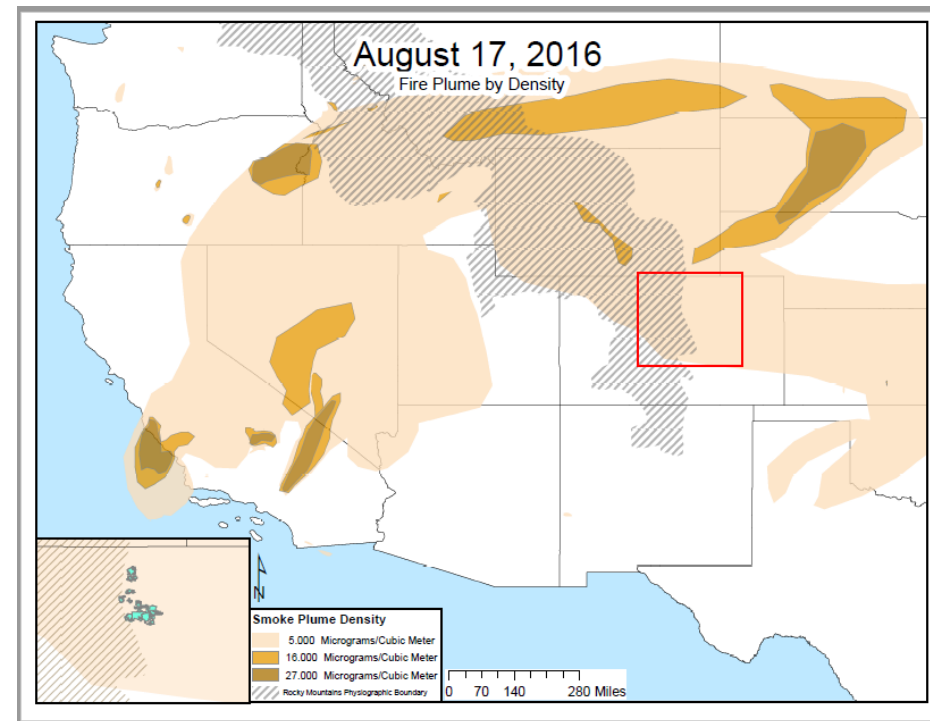
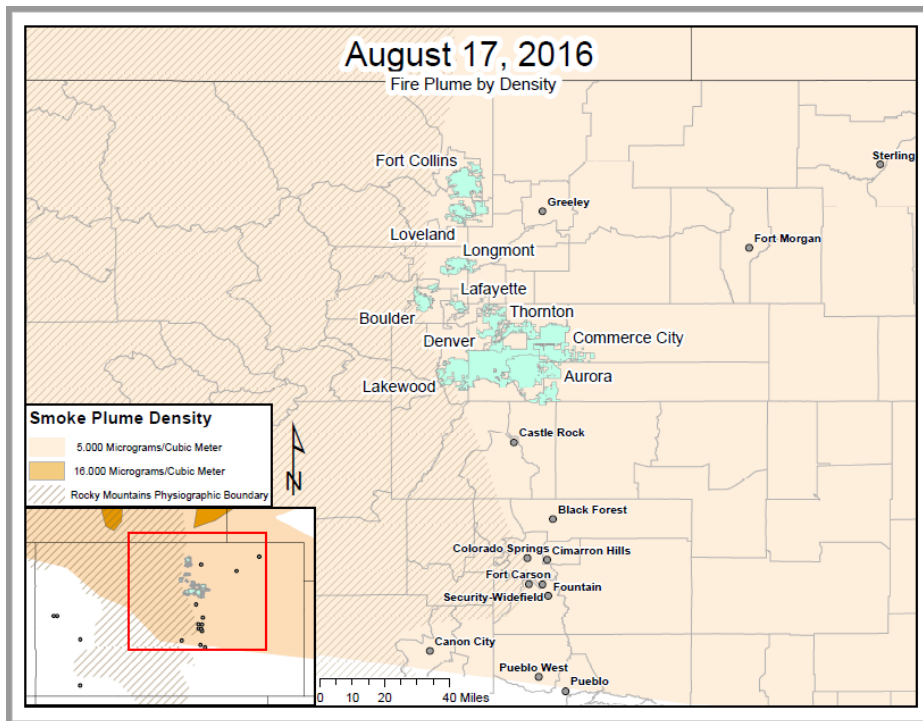
**Activity: Windows and/or Doors Open**

Day 1	Location	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Early Morning (Night time)
<b>M T W Th F Sa Sun</b>	Kitchen	5 (6) 7 8 9 10 11	12 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8 9 10 11	12 1 2 3 4
	Living Room	5 (6) 7 8 9 10 11	12 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8 9 10 11	12 1 2 3 4
DATE	Bedroom	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	12 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8 9 10 11	12 1 2 3 4
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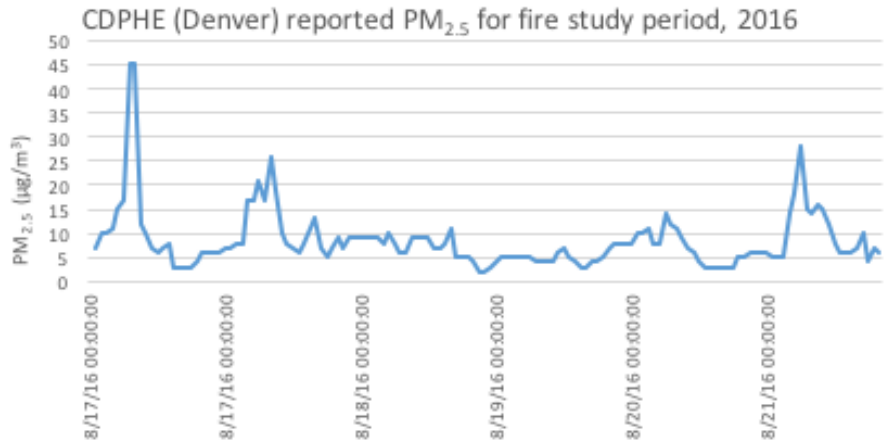
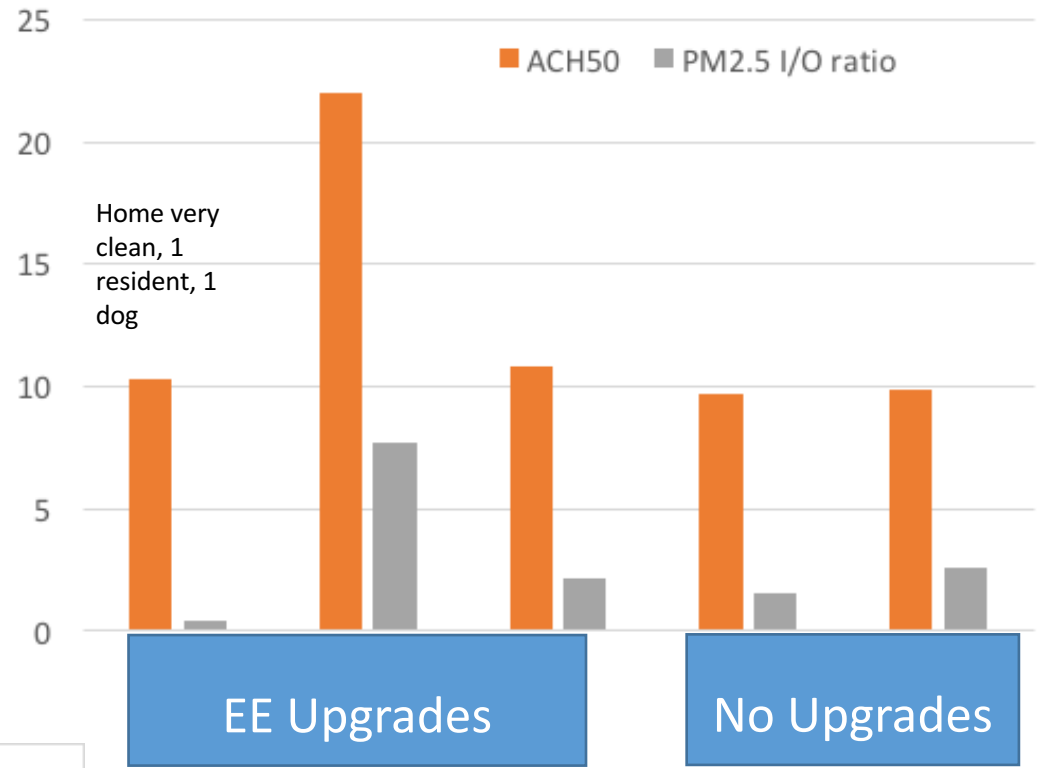


# Summer 2016 - Near vs. Far Fires



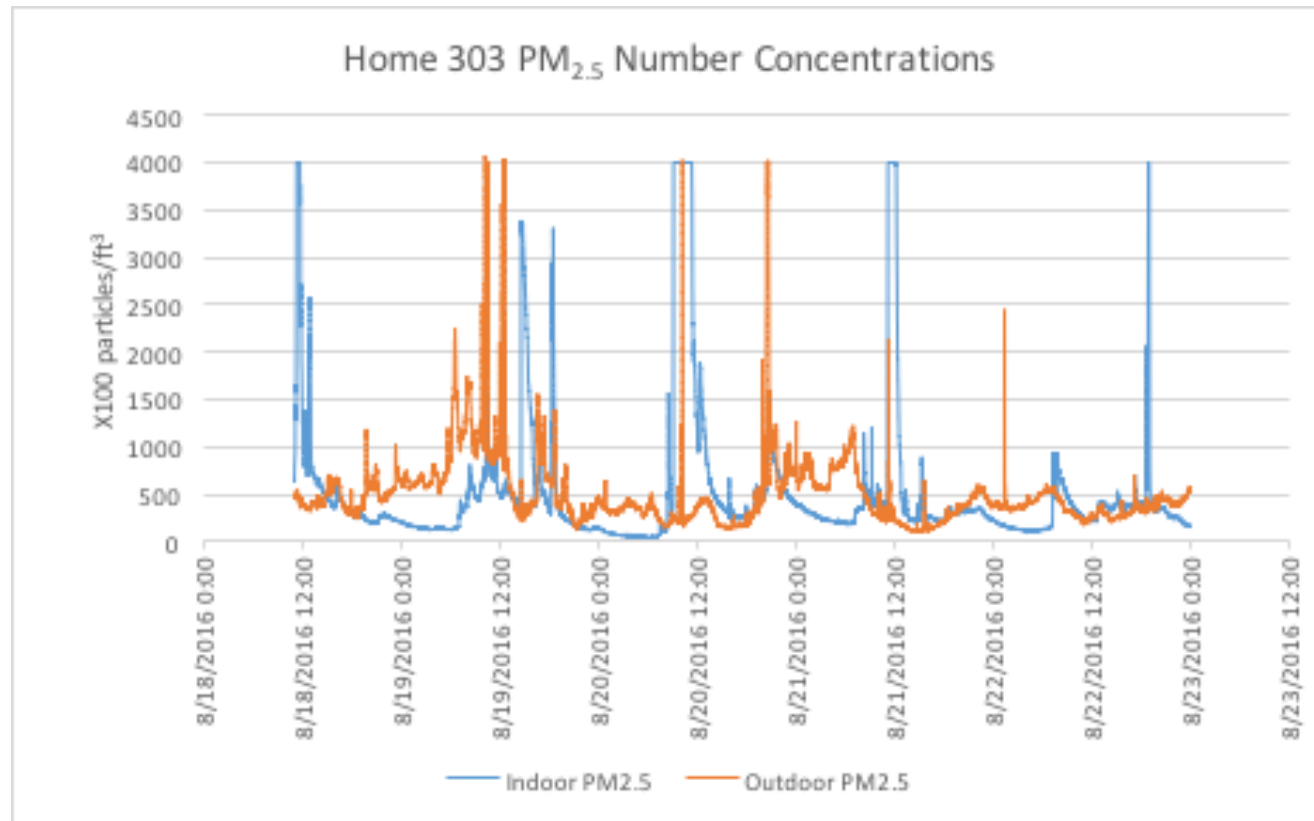
# Fire Study Results

- 5 homes enrolled in 2016
- $\text{PM}_{2.5} \text{ I/O} > 1$   
(except in one very clean home)



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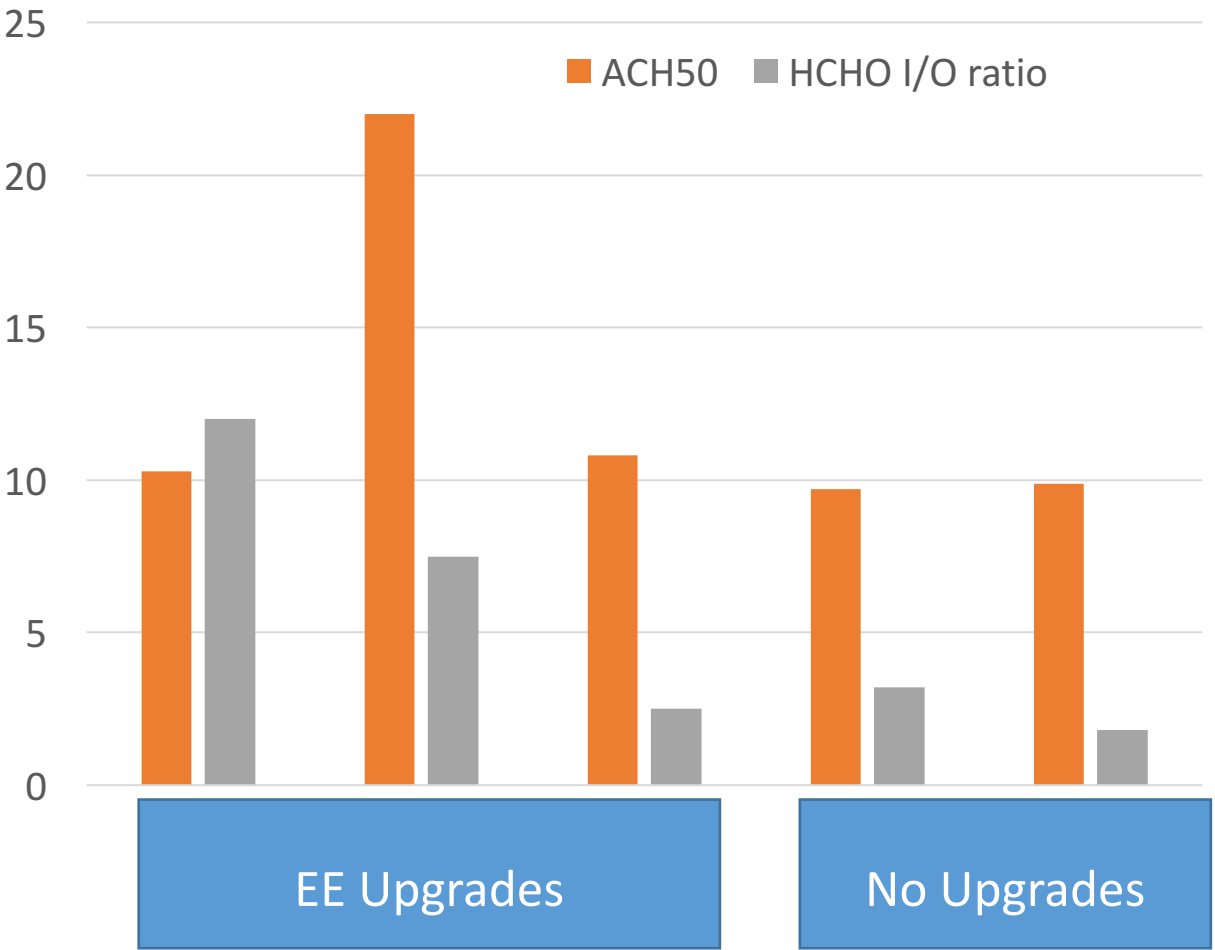
Outdoor PM2.5 typically higher, except during cooking events



# HCHO

Most below the  
COEHHA  
recommended  
limit of 27 ppb

Home ID	Weatherized	ACH50	Indoor (ppb)	Outdoor (ppb)	I/O ratio
302	Y	10	29	2.5	12
304	Y	22	5.6	2.2	2.5
306	Y	10.8	6.4	3.5	1.8
305	N	9.9	3.9	1.2	3.2
303	N	9.7	15	2.0	7.5



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# **Home Weatherization**

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